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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4949

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ON ANGOLA

1. WHEN MAURICE TEMPELSMAN AND LARYY DEVLIN MET WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU JUN 7 TO REVIEW STATUS OF 700 MILLION DOLLAR SMTF COPPER INVESTMENT, MOBUTU BEGAN MEETING BY TALKING ABOUT ANGOLAN SITUATION. THERE WERE, HE SAID, TOO MANY WEAPONS IN ANGOLA, TOO MUCH BLOOD HAD BEEN SPILLED AND IT WAS TIME TO END THE KILLING. HE HAD MET WITH PORTUGUESE AND THEY HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO TRY TO GET SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. HE, MOBUTU, HAD CUT OFF WEAPONS FOR HOLDEN ROBERTO AND PORTUGUESE WOULD MOVE COMMANDOS FROM MOZAMBIQUE TO ANGOLA TO TRY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, TO INTERDICT MPLA ARMS FLOW FROM USSR AND TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

2. MOBUTU ALSO TALKED ON POLITICALLY NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, SAYING HE THOUGHT HOLDEN SHOULD BE PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENT ANGOLA, NETO VICE PRESIDENT, AND SAVIMBI PRIME MINISTER.

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3. WHEN IT WAS MENTIONED THAT MPLA NOW CONTROLLED CABINDA, MOBUTU'S REACTION WAS UNEMOTIONAL, "YES, THAT'S SO."

4. COMMENT: HERE WE SEE MOBUTU IN HIS STATESMAN ROLE, RELAXED ABOUT CABINDA AND INSISTENT THAT THE BLOODSHED STOP. SURPRISINGLY, HOWEVER, HE HAS ONCE AGAIN FLIPFLOPPED ON THE HOLDEN-SAVIMBI RELATION. BUT HE HAS NETO SLATED FOR A POLITICAL POSITION, PRESUMABLY WITHOUT INFLUENCE. HIS MATTER OF FACTNESS ABOUT CABINDA IS ALSO SUPPRISING AND MAY BE PURE DISSEMBLING BUT IN LIGHT OF WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT AGREEMENT WITH PORTUGUESE TO CUT OFF WEAPONS, FOREIGN MINISTER BULA'S REQUEST THAT WE INTERVENE WITH SOVIETS TO ASK THEM TO HOLD BACK TAKES ON MORE SIGNIFICANCE. IN FACT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE WOULD DO THIS AT SOME LEVEL AND WE COULD PASS BACK TO MOBUTU AND BULA SOVIET REACTION. ALSO, SINCE I FIND IT HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THE PORTUGUESE CAN CONTROL MPLA ARMS SUPPLY, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT MOBUTU HIMSELF MAY BE FLIPFLOPPING AND ONCE AGAIN CONSIDERING A MOSCOW TRIP. THIS IS PURE SPECULATION ON MY PART BUT WE DID HEAR RECENTLY THAT THE SOVIETS EXPECTED AEROFLOT TO COME IN HERE SOON AND THAT IS A BIT MORE EVIDENCE THAT A HIGH-LEVEL SESSION MAY BE COOKING.  
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